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Attention: Heather Nelson

Dear Ms Harragon

Moorebank Precinct West (MPW) – Response to Submissions (RtS), Concept Plan Modification (SSD 5506 MOD 1)

I refer to your letter received 12 December 2016, seeking comments from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the above and apologise for the delay in replying.

OEH has reviewed the response to its advice of 19 August 2016 and provides the following comments.

In relation to floodplain risk management, OEH notes the additional assessment and concludes there are no significant outstanding issues.

With regards to biodiversity, OEH notes from the RtS Report that *'the altered construction footprint ... would not require additional clearance of native vegetation communities within or near the MPW site'*. Nor would it result in any increased edge effects. OEH also notes the proposed permanent fill layer will be approximately 1m high overtopped by a temporary stockpile of fill of up to 6m (i.e. not up to 10m as stated in the Modification Report).

It is not clear, however, from either the RtS Report or the Modification Report, how close the permanent or temporary stockpile areas of fill will be from the proposed conservation area. The RtS advises temporary fill stockpiles will be located *'throughout the construction footprint'* although *'predominantly within the bulk stockpiling area'*. From figures 6.2 and 6.3 of the RtS Report it appears the Bulk Earthworks Stockpile area is around 40m from the proposed conservation area. The lack of clarity on the location of the stockpiles and the fact that they may be in place for up to 3 years challenges the veracity of the RtS Report claim that *'the importation of clean general fill during construction of Stage 2 of the MPW Project would not result in an impact to biodiversity'*,

OEH recommends further assessment be sought from the proponent to confirm the location of the proposed imported fill and that it will not indirectly impact on the biodiversity values of the proposed conservation area. OEH also recommends additional targeted flora surveys be undertaken within 'priority area 2' of the site given the threatened species found during recent surveys of the adjoining Boot land south of Anzac Creek (e.g. *Hibbertia puberula* and *Hibbertia*

fumana). These surveys should be undertaken if the importation of fill results in the clearing of any vegetation even if clearing is permitted by the existing concept plan approval.

If you have any further questions, please contact please contact Richard Bonner on 9995 6917.

Yours sincerely

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